

SOCIETY AND PERSONAL MENTION.

AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON AND OTHER CITIES.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt Entertain at Luncheon---The Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay to Give a Dinner Tonight.

The White House.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt entertained informally at luncheon yesterday.

Secretary Shaw in New York.

The Secretary of the Treasury, his two daughters and his son, have gone over to New York for a few days. The Secretary will return in time for the New Year reception at the White House.

Dinners.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay will entertain at dinner tonight in honor of their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., of New York, who are staying with them at present.

The Italian ambassador and Signora Mayor des Planches entertained at a dinner of ten covers last night. Their guests were Visconde de Alente, the Portuguese minister; Senator Lodge, Senator Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Boardman, Miss Slater, Count von Montgelas and Mr. Norman.

There was no reception at the embassy last night, but a reception will follow the dinner which the ambassador will give next Monday.

Former Senator and Mrs. John B. Henderson entertained at dinner Saturday night. Their guests were the Italian ambassador and Signora Mayor des Planches, the minister from Spain, Senor Ojeda; Miss Wilson, daughter of the Secretary of Agriculture; Mr. and Mrs. Waterlow, General and Mrs. Draper, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Henry May, Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, the Misses Boardman, Dr. David J. Hill, and Edwin Morgan.

Count Cassini has sent out invitations for a dinner on Friday, January 16, in honor of the British ambassador and Lady Herbert. On Thursday, the 29th, he will give a dinner in honor of Mrs. Roosevelt, the daughter of the President.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Glover will entertain at dinner tonight.

Miss Christine Roosevelt is visiting her uncle, Senator Keen, of New Jersey, who will give a dinner in her honor tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Huff, of Pennsylvania, will give a dinner this afternoon in honor of her daughter, which will be followed by a dance.

Miss Colton entertains at dinner tonight.

The British ambassador and Lady Herbert will entertain at dinner Saturday, January 10.

The Monday Evening Dancing Class.

The first meeting of the Monday Evening Dancing Class, to which the younger portion of society has looked forward with keen anticipation, took place at Rauscher's last night. Mrs. William M. Postlethwaite, Mrs. William S. Cowles, Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page, and Miss Keen received the guests. Supper was served in the green room between 11 and 12 o'clock. The music, which stopped promptly at 1 o'clock, was furnished by an orchestra of eight pieces. The Monday Evening Dancing Class takes the place of the Small and Early dances of

Miss Delle P. Mussey, Miss Mary Wood, and Miss Helen Varick Boswell.

Miss Edes has sent out cards for a tea for Thursday, January 1, from 5 to 7.

Mrs. John Watts Kearney and Miss Kearney have sent out cards for an afternoon tea on Tuesday, January 6.

Musical Tea.

The most successful charity entertainment given this year was the musical tea, which took place yesterday afternoon at the New Willard, for the benefit of the House of Mercy. The affair was in charge of Mrs. Stilson Hutchins, Miss Gwynne, Mrs. Ackley and Reginald De Koven. The program was well chosen and all those who took part in it acquitted themselves admirably. It read as follows:

"Le Cygne".....Saint Sams
Spanish Dance.....Moskowsky
"Frolingasch".....Schuman
"Follia".....Van der Stucken
"The Lullaby".....Mrs. Graves
"Love's Lullaby".....De Koven
"The Lullaby".....De Koven
Violoncello accompaniment, Mr. Villalpando.
Reading.....Thomas Nelson Page
"The Chanson des Baisers".....Bernberg
Violoncello solo.....De Herriot
"The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come".....John Fox, Jr.
"Spring Song".....Reineker
Mrs. Fremont and Mr. Rummel.

Tea was served in the green ball room when the program was finished by Mme. de Margerie, wife of the charge d'affaires of the French embassy, Mrs. Leonard Wood, and Mrs. Eugene Hale. Mrs. Patterson and Miss Keen presided over the chocolate table. The guests were served at small tables and a part of the Marine Band played for the rest of the afternoon.

Those assisting the committee were: Mrs. Gordon Cummings, Mrs. Ward Thron, the Misses Elizabeth and Lucy Keen, the Misses Wallace, Miss Sherrill, Miss MacVeagh, Miss Nott, Miss Hagner, Miss Kennedy, Miss Boardman, the Misses Wetmore, and Miss Ward.

Edwin Morgan, of the State Department, took the tickets at the door.

The ushers were Commander William S. Cowles, U. S. N.; Gordon Cummings, John Ridgley Carter, from the American embassy in London; Mr. Norman, of the British embassy; Mr. Riano, of the Spanish legation, and John Van Ness Philip.

Notes.

Gen. John Watts Kearny, whose title is an honorary one conferred upon him by the State of New Jersey, and Mrs. Kearny, who have passed the last few years in Europe, have taken up their residence in Washington and have leased for the winter the Tiffany house in Connecticut Avenue. General Kearny is a son of Gen. Philip Kearny.

Mrs. Roger Wolcott, widow of the former governor of Massachusetts, and her two daughters, reached Washington yesterday. They are the guests of Mrs. John R. McLean. Mrs. Draper, wife of General Draper, the former ambassador to Italy, will entertain at luncheon tomorrow in honor of Mrs. Wolcott.

Paymaster Charles W. Littlefield, U. S. N., is at present stationed with the North Atlantic Squadron on board the battleship Kearsarge, at Culebra.

Mrs. Henry P. Birmingham will be at home on Mondays in January at No. 11 Washington Barracks.

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Count Cassini Sends Out Invitations for a Dinner in Honor of British Ambassador and Lady Herbert---Receptions and Teas.

celebrated the first anniversary of their wedding in New York last week, and are now with Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt at Biltmore.

The Yorkicks will give another of their enjoyable dances at the Cairo on Wednesday, December 31.

Mrs. Walter Browne Fairfield has returned from Buck Lodge, Md., where she went to attend the wedding of Miss Ethel Wall and Lieut. Stanley D. Embick.

Vice Consul Hubbard T. Smith, at Cairo, Egypt, who has been ill with Bright's disease, is reported to be somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence F. Moore have sailed for Egypt, where they will pass the winter.

The Mount Holyoke College Alumnae Association will give an informal reception to all visiting alumnae at the home of Mrs. Bodfish, 58 B Street northeast, on Friday, January 2, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Westinghouse is spending the holidays in Pittsburgh and will, according to her custom while there, receive Monday afternoons.

Ambassador to Italy George von L. Meyer was among the guests in Rome at the banquet recently given in honor of the St. Louis Fair Commissioners by the International Artistic Association, and addressed the company.

Mrs. Susan Daintery (Princess de Bourg), the authoress, has returned from Venice, Italy, where she passed the summer and has taken an apartment at 904 Massachusetts Avenue.

Charles S. Faulkner is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. E. D. Riddle, of 924 Ivy Street, East End, Pittsburg.

Mrs. Augustus P. Gardner, daughter of Senator Lodge, whose husband succeeded to Secretary Moody's seat in Congress, spent Christmas at her cottage in Hamilton, where she is still located. She will go later to Aiken, S. C., where with Captain Gardner she will be among the cottagers.

Dr. Roland Cotton Smith, who succeeded Dr. Mackay-Smith as rector of St. John's Church, is a brother-in-law of Harrison Gray Otis.

Miss Mary Unsworth is visiting her aunt, Mrs. T. W. Bresnahan, 105 West Ostend Street, Baltimore.

Society in Baltimore.

One of the most picturesque and beautiful balls of the season was given last night by Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Wilson, 1129 St. Paul Street, in honor of their daughter, Miss Bessie Beale Wilson.

As the dance was distinctly a German, with five cotillion figures and favors for each figure, invitations were exceedingly limited, only the debutantes of this and last season and a few of the older married people being invited. The cotillion was led by Roger Brooke Hopkins, and the favors were among the most beautiful of any German ever given in the city. They included for the ladies golden shepherdess crooks, exquisite garlands of flowers, dainty muffs and fans tied with gay ribbons, while for the men were gay badges, orders, and calendars.

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CHINESE HONOR UNITED STATES CONSUL FOWLER

Gifts and Ovation on Departure From Ningpo.

The State Department has received a report descriptive of the presentation of three magnificent vases to John Fowler, United States consul at Chefoo, by the United Guilds of that Oriental city.

The report shows the complete confidence the Chinese seem to feel in the fairness, honesty of purpose, and disinterestedness of the United States as the result of the Boxer uprising, and the settlement of that trouble.

No other foreign consuls have ever been honored in this manner by the Chinese. The demonstration of regard was carried far beyond the gifts bestowed upon the consul. As he was leaving Ningpo for Chefoo every Chinese official was at the dock to bid him good-by, soldiers lined the road, and for eighteen miles down the river there was a continual din from the junks. When the forts were reached a salute was fired.

One of the vases given Consul Fowler is eighteen inches in height, and is said to be the most elaborate piece of silverware ever seen in Chefoo. There were two smaller vases of beautiful design and workmanship.

TOWN COUNCIL REMOVES BLUE LAWS ON MEAT

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 30.—The town council of Elizabeth City, N. C., has, after a long fight, permitted the sale of fresh meats in the corporate limits of the city. The old market house, closed for years under the council's "blue laws" against "incured" meats, is now open, with two butchers doing a rushing business.

NATIONAL UNION ELECTION.

Northeast Washington Council, No. 755, National Union, has elected the following officers: President, James A. Healy; vice president, Charles H. Lupton; speaker, Frank C. Bates; secretary, J. M. Winchester; financial secretary, Charles O. Doten; treasurer, W. R. Carver; usher, C. J. Brantly; sergeant-at-arms, Samuel D. Young; doorkeeper, Harry A. Baldwin; chaplain, G. F. Rogers; trustees, J. M. Winchester, Charles S. Shutterly and C. J. Brantly; delegates to cabinet, J. A. Hensy and William A. Root; delegate to Immediate Relief Association, W. R. Carver.

WASHINGTON PEOPLE AT NEW YORK HOTELS

Astor.—J. P. Webster, J. M. Willis, W. B. Roberts, E. S. Matthews.
Bartholdi.—R. T. Rogers, S. S. Matthews.
Continental.—Mrs. E. M. Jery, C. F. Supple.
Commodore.—W. A. H. J. W. Webster.
Eaton.—Mr. L. S. Graham.
Empire.—S. Nissel.
Grand.—J. M. Goldenberg.
Grand Union.—J. W. Laurens, Mrs. M. B. Matson, C. Meyer, T. O. Meyer, E. B. Wilkins.
Hoffman.—S. Maddox.
Holland.—E. R. Moore, Miss D. Collins.
Imperial.—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jamison, E. F. Hazz, J. P. Jarvis, J. E. Woodwell.
Marlborough.—Miss M. Y. Wood.
Nassau.—Miss J. M. Smith.
New Amsterdam.—C. H. Russell, G. Shine.
Park Avenue.—W. F. Hallum, Miss E. R. Skidmore.
Roosevelt.—Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Tinker.
St. Denis.—C. A. Bret, T. E. Kibbey.
Union Square.—H. Wash, H. North.
Victoria.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Williams, W. D. Ingalls.

LOCAL MENTION.

THE CHATEAU WINE CELLAR—OPEN HOLIDAYS.

Of the Speer N. J. Wine Co., at Passaic, N. J., is worth visiting and worth the time for anyone curious to see rare old Ports, Burgundy, and Claret. This is the Chateau private stock cellar, most of the wines in the cellar are not for sale, but kept for curiosity and future generations. They are supplying some orders, however, for the 25-year-old extra private stock Port, of which they have to spare and sell at \$15 dozen quart bottles, if ordered direct. The 11-year-old Port, Burgundy, Sherry, Claret, and Cider Brandy are sold by drug-gists and grocers and at the New Jersey vineyards.

"MY HEART IS TORN, BUT I MUST BE BRAVE"

—MASCAGNI

Tears are apparent and walls that can almost be heard are apparent in an outburst over the "Vicissitudes of My American Odyssey," sent to a New York newspaper by the Italian maestro, Mascagni, whose troubles have been legion since his tour of America began. He says:

"It is not easy for me to tell the story of my misfortunes. In America. Many grave complications will tend to obscure the reasons of my troubles. My spirit is not yet sufficiently tranquil to enable me to narrate all the vicissitudes of my American Odyssey. The grave accusations which are made against me will disappear before the clear evidence of my absolute innocence. When all the infamies which now surround me, when all the falsehoods shall have been sifted and unmasked, when my honesty shall have glittered like a meridian sun, then I may tell all. It shall be known then with what fortitude of soul I have had to withstand the tortures which have been inflicted upon me on a foreign soil.

"Many Untold Villainies."

"It will be seen then how many and untold villainies have been employed against me—to dishonor, to dishonor me. Some miscreants, without heart, without conscience, are the cause of all my pain. No; it is not the Americans who have wrought havoc with my peace—who have done me so much wrong. On the contrary, from them I daily receive proofs of sympathy, of affection.

"My executioners have no right to a country. They are moral assassins who must be repudiated and shunned by civilized people. They are fully aware of my innocence; they know my honored name; my undiminished personal reputation. They know well what wrong they

do me. They strike at my honor to kill me; to kill my wife, ever strong and faithful companion; to kill my dear children, who, weeping and from afar, ask why their loving father is being thus vilified.

"My Heart is Torn."

"My heart is torn, but I must be brave. God will give me strength to defend myself, to endure all torments, to stand before the civilized world acquitted of all the charges which have been heaped upon me, to crush under my heels the heads of the venomous and loathsome reptiles.

"Meanwhile I am serenely awaiting the regular course of justice. In my motherland, Italy, I have fought much and have been much attacked for my writings, for my lectures, for the system of my polemics, for my proud and indomitable nature. Above all, for my music. But no one has ever dared to attack my honor, for all know the rigid honesty of my life. Even some tenuous newspapers, adversaries of all my operas, in this and affair have protested against those who have treated me as dishonest. I cite the 'Corriere Della Sera,' of Milan, to which I send a sincere acknowledgment.

"Nothing But Misfortunes."

"I have absolute faith that on my return to Italy I shall be able to say, both to friends and adversaries, that while in America I have met with nothing but misfortunes, yet I have found at least true justice—that has redeemed my honor, to stain which attempts were made by miserable wretches who shall disappear from my memory. And in the affectionate embrace of my adored children I shall find new strength to resume my life of assiduous labor and blessed struggles.

"PIETRO MASCAONI."

MARRIAGE EPIDEMIC STRIKES ALEXANDRIA

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 30.—The marriage of Miss Grace Havener, daughter of Mr. R. H. Havener, and the Rev. C. B. Sparks, of Cleveland, Ohio, will take place at 9:15 o'clock tomorrow morning at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. P. P. Phillips.

Miss Edna Kelly, daughter of Mr. Henry Kelly, and William Schoenel were married last night at the parsonage of St. Mary's Catholic Church, by the Rev. Father H. J. Cutler. The marriage was a quiet affair, only the immediate relatives of the couple being present. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Schoenel left Alexandria for Philadelphia, where they will spend their honeymoon. Upon their return they will reside in Alexandria.

Miss Julia C. Hunter, daughter of Mr. R. W. Hunter, of this city, and Major MacMillan Kennedy, of South Carolina, will be married in Christ Episcopal Church, at 5:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. J. W. Morton.

Miss Chichester and Randolph Harding, of Fairfax county, were married in this city today.

The First Baptist Church Sunday School will hold a Christmas celebration in that church at 7 o'clock tonight.

Miss Florence Ashe and Pierre A. Soper, both of Washington, were mar-

ried in this city at the parsonage of the Methodist Protestant Church last Saturday, by Rev. J. H. S. Ewell, pastor. The couple will live in Washington.

A large audience last night filled the lecture room of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, the occasion being the annual Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of that church. An interesting literary and musical program was given, in which the pupils participated. At the conclusion of the exercises candy was distributed.

The Cameron Run Hunt Club will hold a meet at Ravensworth this afternoon at 1 o'clock, and at Fort Myer, Thursday, January 1, 1903, at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. C. B. Eddy of New York is visiting her father, J. W. Burke.

Ethelbert Milburn, Jr., who has been spending a portion of the holidays with his parents in this city, left yesterday evening for Montreal.

Mrs. L. V. Mitchell, who lives at 118 North Columbus Street, fell down a flight of stairs at her home last Sunday night and dislocated her shoulder, and was otherwise bruised.

Miss Delp, of Carlisle, Pa., and L. O. Harding, special officer at the Washington-Southern depot here, were married in Richmond last Saturday. They will make their home in this city.

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